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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3435
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OPENING OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages in the country are without Post Office particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any plan to cover all such villages under postal services during 2000-2001;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)
(a) & (b) The details in respect of number of villages in the country with and without a Post Office is given in Annexure-A

(c) Yes Sir,

(d) It is proposed to open 500 Branch Post Offices, 50 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 1000 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras during the year 2000-2001. Post Offices are opened as per the prescribed norms laid down by the Department. This is further subject to sanctioning of posts by the Ministry of Finance. The details are given in Annexure-B.

(e) No reply called for in view of (d) above.

Annexure-A

Number of villages without Post Office as on 31-3-2000

S.No.	NAME OF CIRCLE	NO.OF VILLAGES WITH A POST OFFICE	NO.OF VILLAGES WITHOUT A POST OFFICE
1	ANDHRA PRADESH+	14771	12278
2	ASSAM	3627	21058
3	BIHAR	11218	56295
4	DELHI	99	100
5	GUJARAT	8090	9935
	Dadara N. Haveli	33	38
	Daman & Diu	15	11
6	HARYANA	2318	4441
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	2646	14351
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1469	5007
9	KARNATAKA+	8299	19725
10	KERALA	1452	Nil
	Lakshdweep	11	Nil
11	MADHYA PRADESH	10240	61286
12	MAHARASHTRA	11337	29075
	Goa	204	156
13	NORTH EAST		
	Arunachal Pradesh	301	3348
	Manipur	637	1545
	Meghalaya	451	5038
	Mizoram	400	312
	Nagaland	322	896
	Tripura	695	4055
14	ORISSA	7533	39456
15	PUNJAB	3405	9023
	Chandigarh	7	17

16	RAJASTHAN	9581	29902
17	TAMIL NADU	10396	6984
	Pondicherry	59	233
18	UTTAR PRADESH+	18136	94668
19	WEST BENGAL	7553	33559
	Sikkim	86	118
	A & N Islands	193	234
	TOTAL	135584	463144

+ Figures as on 31-3-1999

Annexure-B

Targets for opening of Post Offices and PSSKs for the year 2000-2001

S.No.	Name of Circle	EDBOs	DSOs	PSSKs
1	Andhra Pradesh	15	2	55
2.	Assam	30	3	40
3.	Bihar	75	7	55
4.	Delhi	04	2	NIL
5.	Gujarat	20	3	55
6.	Haryana	15	2	35
7	Himachal Pradesh	07	1	20
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	05	1	10
9.	Karnataka	21	2	55
10.	Kerala	04	2	NIL
11.	Madhya Pradesh	40	3	85
12.	Maharashtra	60	2	85
13.	North East	40	2	60
14.	Orissa	10	2	60
15.	Punjab	14	2	45
16.	Rajasthan	20	2	75
17.	Tamil Nadu	15	2	80
18.	Uttar Pradesh	50	3	100
19.	West Bengal	55	7	85
	Total	500	50	1000